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SUBJECT: GOE ENFORCEMENT OF RETIREMENT REGULATIONS

- 1. ACCORDING TO A NUMBER OF SOURCES, PRIMIN SALEM HAS DECIDED ENFORCE EXISTING REGULATIONS REQUIRING GOE (INCLUDING PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANY) OFFICIALS TO RETIRE AT AGE SIXTY. PRIMIN HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT EXCEPTIONS TO REGULATION, ONCE GRANTED WITH RELATIVE EASE, WILL NO LONGER BE MADE EXCEPT IN UNUSUALLY COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES. OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY AFFECTED BY NEW POLICY INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN MAHMOUD ABDULLAH, EGYPTAIR CHAIRMAN MOHAMED NABIH HASHAD, CAIRO WATER AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN EZZ ELDIN FARAGM AND MIN FINANCE UNDERSECRETARY FOR TAXATION HABIB.
- 2. MOTIVE FOR NEW POLICY IS PRESUMABLY A DESIRE TO CLEAR BUREAUCRACY OF SUPERANUATED OFFICIALS AND OPEN UP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROMOTION. REPORTEDLY, SERVICES OF SOME PARTICULARLY VALUABLE OFFICIALS MAY BE RETAINED, BUT ON CONTRACT BASIS SO THAT CONSISTENCY IN APPLICATION OF FORCED RETIREMENT WILL APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED. EILTS

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